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Critical Thinking about the RIT Academic Support Center

In this issue we focus on the RIT Academic Support Center, where students learn to critically think about their academic success.

The [Academic Support Center](#) is a resource for students throughout the year (including summer term!), whether walking into one of our study centers, requesting an individual appointment with one of our staff, instructors, or coaches, or just explore some of our famous resources on-line – we have great [tools](#) and [videos](#) available! Be sure to stop out for our Finals Rally on November 29th as we help our students focus for the last push into finals!

The Academic Support Center is incredibly excited that our [Supplemental Instruction](#) program that is now certified by the International Center for Supplemental Instruction at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The ASC is proud of our student leaders and staff who have developed our SI Program to earn this leadership level of recognition.

2018 Fram Signature Events

Fram Signature Lecture and Reception

Lecture: **"Applied Critical Thinking: Design for Transformation, Needs a Transformation in Design" with Marco van Hout**

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Place: Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Hall

Reception: ***Immediately following lecture in the University Gallery, James E. Booth Hall***

In this talk Marco will argue why we should not only create *change*, but aim for *transformation*. Psychologists state that change initially modifies behavior but that transformation will modify values and desires. Because in real transformation lies the change we are looking for in the world. In culture, behavior and in how we as creators/innovators will be able to really contribute to a better world by 2030. By being creative, but similarly by being critical about how we document, share and use that creativity: Transform the world. By **design**. For more information on the lecture [HERE!](#)

For more information on all Fram Signature Events visit our website [HERE!](#)

A Few Thoughts

With this issue of the Fram Focus we meet Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc, PhD., another of RIT's notable critical thinkers.

Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc, PhD, is the Senior Director of the RIT Academic Support Center. One of her recent exercises on the importance of finding or creating learning communities included organizing the Tiger Autism Spectrum Support Group on campus to help family members connect on campus. Future plans include expanding the program to welcome families beyond the autism spectrum. Read her answers to a few critical questions [HERE!](#)

From Gene Fram

Read “Why We Should Train Workers Like We Train Machine Learning Algorithms” by Makada Henry-Nickie, David M. Rubenstein Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution, [HERE!](#)

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